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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 July 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-24 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection in view of Daemen ("AES Proposal: Rijndael," March 1999).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 14-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wasilewski US 5,420,866 in view of Daemen ("AES Proposal: Rijndael," March 1999),

As per claims 1, 10, and 22, Wasilewski teaches a control unit receiving a data stream of byte units where the data stream is an MPEG data stream (encoder) (Col 8 lines 52-60, Col 9 lines 58). Wasilewski does not explicitly teach converting data into block data for encryption. Wasilewski teaches encrypting the data with the DES protocol (Col 9 lines 8-12),

Daemen teaches encrypting the data with the AES protocol using blocks (page 8, “4 specification”) Thus the MPEG stream must be converted into blocks to be encrypted.

Wasilewski teaches outputting encrypted stream data, thus the blocks are converted from blocks back into bytes (Col 9 lines 30-36). Daemen teaches that the key may be of variable size 128, 192, or 256 bits (page 8 “4 specification”). Daemen teaches a key schedule unit carrying out a key schedule for every round. Daemen teaches encrypting and decrypting data blocks.

It would be obvious one of ordinary skill in the art to use the apparatus of Wasilewski with the protocol of Daemen to provide an encryption scheme that is efficient for use with low-end microprocessors.

As per claim 2, Wasilewski teaches a control unit receiving a data stream of byte units where the data stream is an MPEG data stream (encoder) (Col 8 lines 52-60, Col 9 lines 58). Wasilewski does not explicitly teach converting data into block data for encryption.

Wasilewski teaches encrypting the data with the DES protocol (Col 9 lines 8-12), Daemen teaches that AES may use a predetermined block size of 128 bits, 192 or 256 bits. Thus Wasilewski teaches that the MPEG stream must be converted into blocks to be encrypted. Wasilewski teaches outputting encrypted stream data, thus the blocks are converted from blocks back into bytes (Col 9 lines 30-36).

As per claim 4, 14, 9, 21 Wasilewski teaches encrypting the data with the DES protocol. (Col 9 lines 8-12). Daemen teaches the key schedule may generate the key required for the block round in each round (page 17 5.1, key is updated between rounds).

As per claims 11, and 23 Wasilewski teaches the first format is a byte unit (MPEG stream (Col 9 lines 8-15). Daemen teaches a second format is a block unit (AES block), (page 8, Specification).

As per claims 5-8, and 15-20, and 24 Wasilewski does not specify the inputted key value and size. Daemen teaches a key size of 128 bits (page 14 4.3) and an expansion algorithm for the Rijndael block cipher wherein the key expansion unit expands the inputted key value into a size amounting to $\{\text{block size} * (\text{count of rounds} + 1)\}$ (page 14, section 4.3.1) for the purpose of proposing a new encryption standard that is, among other things, efficient for use with 8-bit microprocessors (page 28, section 7.5). Daemen further teach that the key register has a capacity amounting to $\{(\text{size of an inputted block}) * (\text{size of one round})\}$ (Daemen, section 4.3.2). It is inherent that the key is stored in a key register.

Claims 3, 12, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wasilewski US 5,420,866 in view of Daemen ("AES Proposal: Rijndael," March 1999) in view of Mroczkowski ("Implementation of the block cipher Rijndael using Altera FPGA," May 2000)

As per claim 12, Wasilewski teaches a control unit receiving a data stream of byte units where the data stream is an MPEG data stream (encoder) (Col 8 lines 52-60, Col 9 lines 58). Wasilewski does not explicitly teach converting data into block data for encryption. Wasilewski teaches encrypting the data with the DES protocol (Col 9 lines 8-12), Daemen teaches using a predetermined block size of 128bits (page 8 "Specification). Thus Wasilewski teaches that the MPEG stream must be converted into 128 bit blocks to be encrypted. Wasilewski teaches outputting encrypted stream data, thus the 128 bit blocks are converted from blocks back into bytes (Col 9 lines 30-36). Wasilewski does not teach buffers.

It would be obvious one of ordinary skill in the art to use the apparatus of Wasilewski with the protocol of Daemen to provide an encryption scheme that is efficient for use with low-end microprocessors.

Mroczkowski teaches data inputted from the control unit and then stores corresponding result in the output buffer of the control unit (Mroczkowski, section 2.1).

It would be obvious one of ordinary skill in the art to use the apparatus of Wasilewski with the protocol of Mroczkowski to provide an encryption scheme that is efficient for use with low-end microprocessors.

As per claims 3, and 13 Wasilewski does not specify completing all round calculations and storing the result in a corresponding output buffer. Mroczkowski teaches implementing a block cipher wherein a block round unit (Mroczkowski, Figures 1 and 2)

completes all round calculation of data having been currently encrypted or decrypted before a next block data (Mroczkowski, input data) inputted from the control unit and then stores corresponding result in the output buffer of the control unit (Mroczkowski, section 2.1).

It would be obvious one of ordinary skill in the art to use the apparatus of Wasilewski with the protocol of Mroczkowski to provide an encryption scheme that is efficient for use with low-end microprocessors.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher J. Brown whose telephone number is (571)272-3833. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on (571)272-3811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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